

The Australian also asked how he could support his fellow medalists, and they suggested he wear a badge for the Olympic Project for Human Rights.

Peter Norman did not raise his fist, but by wearing the badge, he made his stance clear.

After the protest, Tommie Smith and John Carlos were rushed from the stadium, suspended by the U.S. team, and kicked out of the Olympic Village for turning their medal ceremony into a political statement.

They went home to the United States, only to face serious backlash, including death threats.

However, Tommie Smith and John Carlos were both gradually re-accepted into the Olympic fold and went on to careers in professional football before retiring.

Peter Norman, meanwhile, was punished severely by the Australian sports establishment.

Though he qualified for the Olympic team repeatedly, posting the fastest times by far in Australia, he was snubbed by the team in 1972.

Rather than allow Peter Norman to compete, the Australians did not send a sprinter at all.

Peter Norman immediately retired from the sport and began to suffer from depression, alcoholism and a painkiller addiction.

However, even though it cost him his career and much of his happiness, Peter Norman would have done it over again.

Civil rights and more importantly human rights transcend party, state, and national boundaries.

To quote the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

Today again, we see individuals being ostracized and denigrated for speaking out against injustice.

Colin Kaepernick's career as a quarterback in the National Football League has suffered because of his courageous decision to peacefully protest the killing of unarmed black men by police officers in the form of taking a knee during the national anthem.

NFL players enjoy the same rights guaranteed under the Constitution as every other American, including the right to petition their government for redress of grievances.

Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate this historic day in history, we must continue to support our citizens who stand against injustices within our borders.

I support the principles that Tommie Smith, Peter Norman, and John Carlos stood for 50 years ago.

TRIBUTE TO KAREN AND BURTON CONN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Karen and Burton Conn of Atlantic, Iowa on the very special occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married on August 25, 1968 at the Church of Christ in Lewis, Iowa.

Karen and Burton's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 50th anniversary, I hope it is filled with happy memories. May their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 50th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

HONORING VERA CORREA WITH CALIFORNIA'S THIRD DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vera Correa as a woman of the year. She is a dedicated advocate and volunteer who gives her time generously in service to her community. As the Vice President of the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement she works to further the organization's goal of improving the quality of life for people of Hispanic heritage. Through community involvement, educational enhancement, and economic promotion, she and the AHA have worked to represent and serve the Hispanic community. She also gives her time organizing numerous community events such as the Kiwanis Italian Night, Hogs & Hula, the Cinco de Mayo Parade and Festival, the Mexican Independence Day Festival, the Day of the Dead event, and the Binational Health Week Fair. Whether it is through her work as Vice President of the Alliance for Hispanic Advancement, or in her many volunteer roles in her community, Ms. Correa has demonstrated a true commitment to improving the lives of others. She is a community leader and activist who never stops working for those in need of a helping hand. Her dedication to her community provides inspiration for others to follow in her footsteps as leaders and volunteers. Ms. Correa is generous, passionate, dedicated, and her contribution to her community is truly worthy of recognition.

IN RECOGNITION OF SANGER MASONIC LODGE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sanger Masonic Lodge for one-hundred and twenty-five years of service in their community.

Sanger Masonic Lodge was established soon after the founding of the City of Sanger in California. Supported by the expansion of the nation's railroad system, Sanger quickly transformed into a thriving community and attracted a wide variety of industries and individuals. As the city grew, so did the need for social functions. Many of Sanger's male citizens were members of Masonic lodges in other

parts of country and quickly realized there were enough Masons in the city to consider forming their own lodge. Their charter was issued on October 11, 1893, officially authorizing the group to become Sanger Masonic Lodge, No. 316 under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California. While they met in various locations in the early years, Sanger Masonic Lodge found its permanent home in 1932 in the city's historic Downtown. They have remained a vital part of Sanger's success ever since.

Seventy-one active members strong, Sanger Masonic Lodge supports numerous community-service initiatives. They have donated tens of thousands of dollars to organizations including Sanger High School, the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, and various non-profits. Sanger Masonic Lodge also invests their time in homeless outreach efforts and provides yard services to senior citizens free of charge. Sanger Masonic Lodge has additionally demonstrated a commitment to our active-duty service members. They have cooked meals for units departing for combat zones and financially supported military Christmas parties.

Sanger Masonic Lodge is also known for their Child ID programs throughout the County of Fresno. These programs allow parents the opportunity to create a kit of identifying materials for their child, free of charge. The kit contains items including a fingerprint card, physical description, and DNA sample to provide critical information for law enforcement if a child goes missing. Fifteen years since their creation, Child ID programs have been used by over fifteen-thousand families.

After more than a century in existence, Sanger Masonic Lodge has become a foundational institution for the City of Sanger. Their passion for their community is demonstrated through the countless hours of service and fundraising they have freely given. While the city and nation have drastically changed since 1893, Sanger Masonic Lodge has remained a consistent endorser for the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Sanger Masonic Lodge for one-hundred and twenty-five years of service and wishing them further success in their future.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. ADRIAN M. BROOKS, SR.

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Rev. Dr. Adrian M. Brooks, Sr. for his remarkable twenty-five years of service to Memorial Baptist Church and the Greater Evansville, Indiana community.

Rev. Brooks has demonstrated visionary pastoral leadership since coming to Memorial in 1993. Today, "The People's Church," as it is known, has over 4,500 members and offers over fifty progressive ministries that impact Southwest Indiana families each day.

One of Rev. Brooks' greatest achievements was when he helped the Memorial Baptist Church organize the Memorial Community Development Corporation in 1994. With a mission to change the educational, social, cultural